

William "Bill" Hunt

Bill Hunt, retired CVTC carpentry instructor and administrator passed away in April. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.



William "Bill" Hunt passed away April 18, 2023 in the company of both his children at Our Lady of Peace Hospice in St Paul, Minn. He was born October 1, 1937 in St. Paul to George and Florence (Betzler) Hunt.

Bill grew up in the Highland Park neighborhood of St. Paul. He graduated from Cretin High School and served in the Minnesota Army National Guard from 1954 to 1962. He was a 1957 graduate of St. Paul Vocational School and qualified as a journeyman carpenter in 1960. Responding to President Kennedy's appeal to "ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country," Bill was one of the first Peace Corp volunteers in Brazil, where he taught carpentry skills to rural villagers for two years. He subsequently toured South America for several months, a difficult but exciting journey at that time.

Upon returning home, Bill set out to teach carpentry full time. He earned a bachelor's degree in Industrial Education and a master's degree in Vocational Education from University of Wisconsin-Stout, then began working as a carpentry instructor in Wisconsin's technical college system. Bill spent his career teaching carpentry and later coordinating apprenticeship programs for multiple trades at Chippewa Valley Technical College in Eau Claire, Wisc.

In 1969, Bill met the love of his life, Nancy Opland, and married her on Valentine's Day four months later. Together they raised two children, Alyssa (Jeff) Biolchini and Lucia Hunt and were later blessed with three grandchildren, John William, Luca, and Anna Biolchini.

Bill and Nancy shared a love of travel and gardening, and acted out their faith through lifelong service to their community. They retired to Medford, Ore. where they volunteered for the next 20 years at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore and the St. Vincent de Paul campus for individuals and families in need. Beyond their own extensive home garden, they maintained several public garden spaces on behalf of the Medford Garden Club and the Jackson County Master Gardener Association.

Bill is predeceased by his parents, brother George (Joanne), and wife Nancy. In addition to his daughters and grandchildren, he is survived by his sister, Judy (Bob) DeNardo.

A funeral Mass for Bill and Nancy is planned for August 26, 2023 at 10 A.M. at St. Thomas Becket Catholic Church in Eagan, Minn. To honor their memory, please consider a donation to one of the organizations with which they were affiliated; Our Lady of Peace Hospice; or follow their example by volunteering time in your community.